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PAN AMERICAN CONGRESS ON SOIL CONSERVATION

Mr. President, the first Pan American Congress on Soil Conservation is currently being held in Brazil, from April 12 to April 29. While the Congress is sponsored by the Brazilian Government, all American Nations except Cuba, are represented by technicians from official parties and private entities.

The purpose of the Soil Conservation Congress is to gather specialists in soil conservation from every Pan American Nation for the exchange of new ideas and knowledge, and consequently to stimulate the soil and water conservation programs to make land support expanding populations.

Donald A. Williams, the Administrator of the Soil Conservation Service, is the official head of the United States twenty-two <sup>man</sup> delegation to the Soil Conservation Congress, and delivered the keynote address.

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman was an official guest of the Soil Conservation Congress in Brazil. He told the Pan American delegates that the greatest single challenge the world faces today is whether the swelling ranks of mankind can produce enough food to sustain life without hunger.

In the keynote address, SCS Administrator Williams told the Pan American delegates that conservation is reaching forth to a larger concept .... it is becoming the care of the human habitat, which is the whole planet. He said that conservation is vital to today's world.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have the full text of both Secretary Freeman's address and SCS Administrator Williams' keynote message to the first Pan American Congress on Soil Conservation printed in the Congressional Record.

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